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**PATENT**  
**Case No. GP-301187**  
**(2760/5)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Serial No.: 09/997,761	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2686
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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR	)	Conf. No.: 6025
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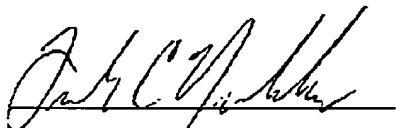
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1. I, FRANK C. NICHOLAS, am an attorney with the law firm of Cardinal Law Group, Ltd., Registration No. 33,983.

2. I prepared the patent application with the cooperation and work of other agents and attorneys of Cardinal Law Group on behalf of the inventors named in the United States Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/263,568, filed January 22, 2001 and United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/997,761 and the assignee of record for the application, General Motors Corporation.

3. Prior to the filing date of the instant application and during the continuous period between receiving the assignment from my client and filing the prepared application, I worked reasonably hard on the preparation of the application. During this critical period, I and the other attorneys and agents also worked on a reasonable backlog of cases unrelated to the present application. These cases were taken up in chronological order and prepared in an expeditious manner.

4. The above paragraphs illustrate reasonable due diligence during at least the time between receiving the assignment and the January 22, 2001 filing date.

  
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